

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 18-35, and 41-45 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12, 18-35, and 41-45 stand rejected. Claims 1 and 24 are hereby amended. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims.

Claim Rejections Based Upon 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Independent Claims 1 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,511,199 (Anthias et al) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,442,999 (Travis), and further in view of Kent Watsen (Supporting Dynamic Protocols for Virtual Environments). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections for the following reasons.

Amended independent claim 1 requires determining a transport protocol at run-time for a message object based on the destination information wherein the second computer comprises a Tandem parallel processor computer system and wherein the destination operates within a Guardian operating environment. Claim 1 provides a framework for the Tandem S70K computer running the Guardian operating system- a highly reliable, highly proprietary transactional processing system. Due to the proprietary nature of the Guardian environment, object oriented software development frameworks for the Guardian environment were never widely developed. The framework discussed in the instant application and recited in claim 1 solves that problem. Neither Anthias, Travis, or Watsen teach or suggest separately or in combination the limitations of claim 1.

Amended independent claim 24 contains similar limitations as claim 1 and is therefore allowable over the art of record. Dependent claims 2-12, 18-23, 25-35, and 41-45 contain

limitations that render them separately allowable over the prior art. However, a discussion is unnecessary because the dependent claims depend from allowable independent claims.

CONCLUSION

The claims in their present form are allowable over the art of record. Applicant therefore solicits their allowance. Any fees in addition to those submitted may be charged to deposit account 21-0765.

Respectfully submitted,



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